GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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DEMAND OF MURIATE OF POTASH
Mitra Shri Somendra Nath

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand of Muriate of Potash (MoP) in the country;

(b) whether there is no viable source of MoP in the country as a result of which the demand is met through import;

(c) if so, the details of import and foreign exchange spent during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government is considering any proposal for exploring the source of MoP in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a): The requirement (demand) of Muriate of Potash (MOP) in the country during the current year 2011-12 is 48.16 lakh metric tonne.

(b) to (c): Yes, Madam. There is no known source in the country and accordingly MOP is sourced through imports only. The import of MOP and total value ($) in the country during the last three years & current years i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12 (upto October, 2011) is as under:

Year	Import of MOP(Qty.in metric tonne)	Total Value ($)
2008-09	5670571	3153339671
2009-10	5242977	2464480436
2010-11	6242126	2268101925
2011-12 (upto October,2011)	847240	373231359

(d) to (f): In a meeting of the Committee of Secretaries (COS) regarding availability of fertilizer resources held on 20th March, 2009, it was decided that Ministry of Mines will take action to step up the surveys and prospecting through Geological Survey of India with a view to augmenting fertilizer resources within the country.